

# PSIC Grantee Conference

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- ❑ PSIC Grantee Conference held October 5-6, 2010 in Cleveland, OH
- ❑ Arizona Attendees:
  - Terry Riordan, AZDOHS
  - Kevin Rogers, DPS
  - Justin Turner, GITA
- ❑ Conference Overview
  - Two Panel Sessions with states telling their story of how they used PSIC funds
  - After 3 years only 43% drawn down.
  - Want the narrative of what was achieved - \$1B
  - Telling the story will impact future funding opportunities

## □ Key Topics

- PSIC Grant Extensions
- PSIC Grant Audits
- NEPA
- P25 Progress
- Narrowbanding



- ☐ Automatic blanket extension given to all to Sep 30, 2011.
- ☐ On a case by case basis an extension may be given to Sep 30, 2012.
- ☐ All activity, reimbursements, and shared costs must be completed by Sep. 30, 2011. (2012 with approved 2nd year extension.)
- ☐ New bulletin coming out soon to explain extension process:
  - Tentatively scheduled to start February 14, 2011
  - Requests will be due April 15, 2011
  - Official notice likely to be June 1, 2011



- ☐ 50% of projects must be audited by Sep. 30 2011
- ☐ 6 of 25 are complete
- ☐ Key Findings:
  - #1 finding - States holding money too long and owing interest
  - Matching Funds
  - Program Alignment with Justification
  - Missing Documentation
  - M&A Costs – Not allowed for sub-grantees
  - Investments not on schedule
  - Reporting requirements not met
- ☐ Investment Request Modifications - Evaluate expenditures and realign funds to get the most out of grants and ensure successful audits

☐ NEPA

- #1 compliance issue holding up projects
- AZ is 100% NEPA compliant

☐ P25 Progress

- 8 P25 interface standards - only 1.5 are complete: ISSI and CAI
- Compliance Assessment Program being developed - only for CAI right now
- User participation is needed
- Educational process needed to get stakeholders to realize limitations on P25 standards

☐ Narrowbanding

- Requests for waiver will be scrutinized and not routinely granted
- Emphasized working with the FCC ahead of time prior to submitting a waiver request
- Recommended to focus on meeting deadline and not developing a waiver request

- ☐ Compliance is being tracked based on license designator.
- ☐ Agencies must add a narrowband emission designator on their license. After transition complete, remove the wideband designator.
- ☐ Does not require frequency coordination. However other changes such as increasing footprint may require frequency coordination.
- ☐ Narrowbanding is an allowable expense under PSIC with the exception of paying federal license fees. Federal grant funds can not be used to pay Federal expenses
- ☐ Be sure to coordinate times with vendors as they may be facing a resource crunch assisting other agencies

# Questions Discussion

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